

# SkillsUSA Announcements 1 8 2018

**MEMBERSHIP** - Remember to sign up your members at [www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org) before competitions! You can contact the SkillsUSA membership hotline @ 844-875-4557 if you have any difficulties. They have evening hours until 7pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays. When you sign up as a professional member you will get a PIN # to access the technical standards and career readiness curriculum. Don't have time to call? Send the operators an **email** at [operators@skillsusa.org](mailto:operators@skillsusa.org) or **chat** with them online at the membership registration site!

**COMPETITIONS** - If you need scorecards for your competitions, go to [www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org) and type "scorecards" into the search bar. Additional attachment highlights changes made to technical standards this year.

**NEW CONTESTS** - For 2018 NLSC we will have the following "Technology Demonstration Events" This is a presentation that will show the guidelines and contest format. There are no medal awarded this is to help your advisors understand the event that will take place in 2019.

Technology Demonstration:

1. Cyber Security (North Wing)
2. MLR (Maintenance Light Repair) South Wing

Demonstration Contests: These will have competitors and medals will be awarded.

1. Humanoid Robotics (South Wing A)
2. Barbering (East Hall next to Maker Space)
3. Computerized Collision Estimating (South Wing C/B between CNC and Industrial Motor Control)

Middle School - Currently have run the following contests:

- 1) Robotics-Urban Search & Rescue
  - 2) Opening and Closing Ceremonies
  - 3) Team Engineering Challenge
- 3 **New** contests for Middle School
- 1) Pin Design
  - 2) Job Skill Demo A & Open
  - 3) Outstanding Chapter

## **WASHINGTON CTE / CTSO - Civic Engagement Day February 15, 2018 - Washington State Capitol Building**

This is a great event for your students and is a valuable way for us to show Olympia the importance of our programs and why CTE must be funded at an enhanced level. Please join us on this day as we help our students understand the legislative process and share their stories with members of our State Legislature. Watch for information on how to contact your legislators to schedule appointments

## 'Celebrate SkillsUSA' Contest — Your Video Could Earn a Visit From SkillsUSA's Executive Director, a Celebrity and a SkillsUSA National Officer



Win a visit from SkillsUSA executive director Tim Lawrence, celebrity Kayleen McCabe of "Rescue Renovation" and a SkillsUSA national officer. To seize this rare opportunity, your chapter simply needs to submit a video that creatively captures why a visit would be impactful for the chapter, school and community. The visit will occur on **Friday, Feb. 9**, so be sure to describe the event where Lawrence, McCabe and a national officer will be speaking or interacting with students. Video entries should be between 60 seconds and 2 minutes in length and submitted no later than **midnight Jan. 12**. For full details, go to: [SkillsUSA Week](#).

### Try This Calendar of Events for SkillsUSA Week

Plan now to celebrate SkillsUSA Week Feb. 4-10 by encouraging student members and advisors to host events that include administrators, business leaders and legislators. You can participate in SkillsUSA Week lots of different ways: hold an open house, invite local news media to tour your programs, conduct a community service project, work with area businesses to build more meaningful partnerships, or engage with policymakers to talk about the value of technical education.

One of America's most respected workwear brands, Carhartt Inc., is the official sponsor of SkillsUSA Week and supports these efforts to showcase SkillsUSA and career and technical education.

Follow the calendar of events below and go to: [www.skillsusa.org/events-training/skillsusa-week](http://www.skillsusa.org/events-training/skillsusa-week) for additional resources.



#### **Appreciation Day — Monday, Feb. 5**

Plan an event that will celebrate and honor the support of advisors, teachers and administrators.

#### **Advocacy Day — Tuesday, Feb. 6**

Target state and local public relations activities including presentations to legislators, school board members, administrators and community group leaders.

#### **Member Outreach Day — Wednesday, Feb. 7**

Involve members in the recruitment of middle and elementary school students, and plan appreciation activities that honor current members.

#### **SkillsUSA Serves Day — Thursday, Feb. 8**

Rally around your community by focusing on a day of giving through service projects and fundraisers.

#### **SkillsUSA Day — Friday, Feb. 9**

Celebrate SkillsUSA by wearing your favorite SkillsUSA shirt, planning a celebration and posting the event to social media.



The SkillsUSA Store has created a SkillsUSA Week T-shirt for \$12. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/gur6o5r> to order your shirt and a whole host of products that are ready for your week of celebration.

### Apply Soon for SkillsUSA's

#### STEM Scholarships

Are your students planning careers that involve science, technology, engineering or mathematics? Then they may want to apply for one of the \$1,000 scholarship awards from SkillsUSA.

The scholarship program promotes public awareness that career and technical education is an integral part of STEM. It began in 2015 in honor of SkillsUSA's 50th anniversary and continues to be funded by the SkillsUSA STEM fund.

There are multiple competitive awards for SkillsUSA members, and high school seniors or non-senior postsecondary students can apply online now. The deadline is **March 15**. The application can be found at: <https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/skillsusa-stem-science-technology-engineering-mathematics-scholarship/>

#### Collision School Makeover Grants Offer \$50,000 Top Award

The Collision Repair Education Foundation is offering Ultimate Collision Education Makeover school grants for high school and postsecondary collision programs. Schools can win up to \$50,000, with the winners announced at October's SEMA show in Las Vegas.

The grant program incorporates the foundation's "Collision School Career Readiness Benchmark" launched in 2016. Under the new program, schools are classified into three tiers: advanced, proficient or developing. The criteria for each level includes the number of hours of instruction and curriculum in place, along with what tools, equipment and supplies a school uses to prepare its students for employment. The goal is to help every school acquire the resources to eventually achieve designation as advanced.

To be eligible for a grant, schools must complete a Collision Repair School Solutions online survey. The application deadline is **June 1**, but schools are encouraged to apply early and to seek industry support and involvement with their application process. Email [makeovergrant@ed-foundation.org](mailto:makeovergrant@ed-foundation.org) for a link to that survey or to request more information.

#### Championships Clothing and Tools App Updated

SkillsUSA has updated the "SkillsUSA: Clothing and Tools" app for 2018. This is a great starter resource that *does not* replace the *SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards* but connects users to SkillsUSA's membership site, where educators can join as professional members to receive the full standards at no charge.

For each contest, the app includes an overview, clothing requirements, and eligibility and safety guidelines, as well as lists the specific tools, equipment or materials that contestants need to provide. It is offered completely free of charge for students, instructors and SkillsUSA business partners.

The app is available now in both the Apple Store: <http://apple.co/2dtlb8d> and the Google Play Store: <http://bit.ly/2e5fRec>. This app was created and sponsored by Pearson ([www.pearsoned.com](http://www.pearsoned.com)).

**Watch for new SkillsUSA Red Jackets!**

**National Certified Trainer — Foundations and Career Essentials** training Feb. 16-19 in Atlanta. Here is what will be offered:

- **Foundation Training**  
This is the required first badge for the National Certified Trainer program. During this training, participants will learn foundational facilitation techniques and will receive individual coaching and feedback. Participants will leave with the ability to host a successful workshop on the SkillsUSA Framework. They will have the opportunity to receive the Foundation Badge and attend future National Certified Trainer trainings.
- **Career Essentials Suite Training**  
This is the next badge after completion of the Foundation badge. This training will focus on the new SkillsUSA Career Essentials curriculum and available resources. Participants will leave with the ability to facilitate a successful two- to three-hour workshop on the suite and will receive the Career Essentials Badge.

If you know you think would be a good fit for these offerings, contact [tlufkin@comcast.net](mailto:tlufkin@comcast.net). Consider individuals who are committed to providing training, are open and receptive to feedback, and have the ability to travel within our state. For both events, there will be pre-training and post-training assignments to complete.

SkillsUSA will cover the cost of all meals and training for a total of two participants per state. State associations will be responsible for the cost of travel, hotel, and ground transportation. More participants will be permitted for an additional fee. All attendees must be professional members of SkillsUSA.

A room block has been confirmed at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel (165 Courtland St., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30303). Reservations can be made by calling 1-866-932-7269 and asking for the SkillsUSA rate. The cost is \$124 per room per night, which does not include applicable state and local taxes, currently 16.9 percent (sales tax 8.9 percent and occupancy 8 percent) with a state hotel assessment fee of \$5 per room/per night.

Flight arrangements should be made to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Arrival can be anytime on Feb. 16 and departure anytime on Feb. 19. The Atlanta light rail MARTA provides service just blocks away from the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel for \$2.50 each way. Available shuttles and cabs cost between \$17-\$30. **Registrations are due Jan. 19.** Please contact [cferrell@skillsusa.org](mailto:cferrell@skillsusa.org) or 703-334-1668 if you have any questions

## **SkillsUSA Washington Design Contest – submissions due 1-26-2018**

### **OFFICIAL RULES**

The SkillsUSA Washington State Design Contest (formerly called the State Pin Design Contest) is open to all student members of the organization. Three designs will be selected:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> place design will be the official Pin of the SkillsUSA Washington Leadership and Skills Conference and receive \$75. The pin will be given to state conference registrants and used for trading at NLSC.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place designs may be the official Program Cover or possibly a T-shirt for SkillsUSA Washington at the state or national level and receive \$50 each.

All designs submitted should be appropriate for use on a pin, T-shirt or publication. Students may specify their preference for pin, cover or t-shirt. All entries must be submitted to SkillsUSA Washington and will become property of SkillsUSA Washington. Only five entries per SkillsUSA member permitted.

**SPECIFICATIONS** - All entries must comply with the following specifications or will be disqualified:

- The design should be something that reflects Washington State.
- The design should include the text "SkillsUSA Washington" and the "year"
- Do not make SkillsUSA two words or separate SkillsUSA by a hyphen or any other means.
- The whole SkillsUSA Emblem cannot be used in the design.
- The design (not including a solid background) may include up to 4 distinct colors, not blended.
- A finished pin will be no larger than 1.5" x 1.5". Please take into consideration the reduction and size. Very small or intricate detail in your design might not be seen in the finished product.
- An ideal t-shirt design will be no larger than 8 ½" x 11" and the state program will be 5 ½" x 8".
- For the T-shirt, the art will be adjusted to fit the front of the shirt, and industry logos may be added to shirt.
- Design team will consider artistic elements of balance, originality, and contrast.
- It is okay to use clip art but no trademark or copywrite designs.
- All entries must include the following: students name and email, advisors name, phone number & email, name of SkillsUSA chapter (on attached form).
- SkillsUSA retains the right to make modifications to the final design as necessary to produce a pin, program cover or T-shirt to our standards and to the manufacturer's specifications and abilities.
- Entries received after the deadline will not be considered. Entries must be received by the SkillsUSA Washington State Director on or before January 26, 2018. Please send all entries to: [tlufkin@comcast.net](mailto:tlufkin@comcast.net).

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